

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

display control means for controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

moving means for selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon in the copying operation window to the second icon;

determining means for determining if the moving means moves the one of the at least one image information icon to the second icon;

means for automatically displaying a plurality options to be selected ~~requesting a user input~~ based on a result of the determining means prior to copying the image information recorded on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

first setting means for setting whether ~~or not~~ a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying by the moving means should be converted based on a selection received responsive to the displayed plurality of options ~~the user input;~~

readout means for reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected by said moving means from the first recording medium;

conversion means for converting the data format of the image information read out by said readout means based on the setting of said first setting means; and

writing means for writing the image information read out by said readout means or the image information converted by said conversion means onto the second recording medium based on the setting of said first setting means.

2. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first recording medium is built in said information processing apparatus, and the second recording medium is an external storage medium which can be removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

3. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conversion means converts the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

second setting means for setting whether ~~or not~~ the image information of an original determined as the object of copying should be deleted based on a selection received responsive to the displayed plurality of options, and deletion means operable in response to a result of the setting of said second setting means for either deleting or placing into a disabled state the image information of the original of the object of copying recorded on the first recording medium after the processing of said writing means is completed.

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus which is capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon on the copying operation window to the second icon;

determining if in the selecting and moving step the one of the at least one image information icon moves to the second icon;

automatically displaying a plurality of options to be selected ~~requesting a user input~~ based on a result of the determining step prior to copying the image information recorded on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

setting whether ~~or not~~ a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying in the selecting and moving step should be converted based on a selection ~~the user input~~ received responsive to the displayed plurality of options;

reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected in the selecting and moving step from the first recording medium;

converting the data format of the image information read out in the reading step based on the setting made in the setting step; and

writing the image information read out in the reading step or the image information converted in the converting onto the second recording medium based on the setting made in the setting step.

6. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for controlling copying of image information recorded on a first recording medium

onto a second recording medium is recorded, the program including instructions that when executed by processor perform steps comprising:

controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon on the copying operation window to the second icon;

determining if in the selecting and moving step the one of the at least one image information icon moves to the second icon;

automatically displaying a plurality of options to be selected ~~requesting a user input~~ based on a result of the determining step prior to copying the image information recorded on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

setting whether ~~or not~~ a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying in the selecting and moving step should be converted based on a selection ~~the user input~~ received responsive to the displayed plurality of options;

reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected in the selecting and moving step from the first recording medium;

converting the data format of the image information read out in the reading step based on the setting made in the setting step; and

writing the image information read out in the reading step or the image information converted in the converting step onto the second recording medium based on the setting made in the setting step.

7. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conversion means converts the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

8. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

9. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.

10. (Previously Presented) A program storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

11. (Previously Presented) A program storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.

12. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the display control means is further configured to highlight the first icon corresponding to the first recording medium after selection of the first icon, and is configured to display the at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium in the copying operation window.

13. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 5, wherein the controlling displaying of the copying operation further includes:

highlighting the first icon corresponding to the first recording medium after selecting of the first icon; and

displaying the at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium in the copying operation window.

14. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to Claim 6, wherein the controlling displaying of the copying operation further includes:

highlighting the first icon corresponding to the first recording medium after selecting of the first icon; and

displaying the at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium in the copying operation window.

15. (New) The information processing method according to Claim 5, further comprising:

setting whether the image information of an original determined as the object of copying should be deleted based on a selection received responsive to the displayed plurality of options; and

either deleting or placing into a disabled state the image information of the original of the object of copying recorded on the first recording medium after the processing of said writing means is completed based on the setting whether the image should be deleted.

16. (New) The program storage medium according to Claim 6, further comprising:

setting whether the image information of an original determined as the object of copying should be deleted based on a selection received responsive to the displayed plurality of options; and

either deleting or placing into a disabled state the image information of the original of the object of copying recorded on the first recording medium after the processing of said writing means is completed based on the setting whether the image should be deleted.